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Applicant: Darrell Robinson, et al.  
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Title: WATTHOUR METER SOCKET ADAPTER

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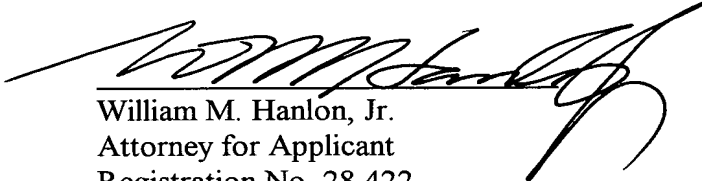
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Sir:

In the detailed Action which accompanied the Notice of Allowance issued on September 17, 2004, the Examiner states "The Examiner also clarifies that the term 'electrical service apparatus' has being interpreted in light of the Specification and the Drawings as being a watt-hour meter".

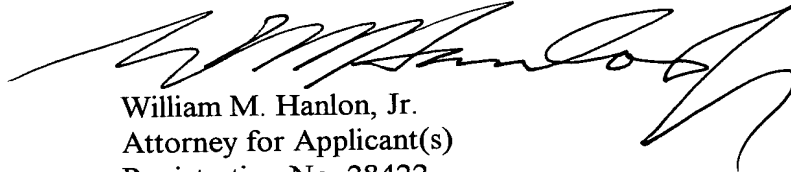
Applicant takes objection to this clarification on the grounds that the use of the term "electrical service apparatus" in the claims is not a watt-hour meter, even though a watt hour meter is mentioned in the specification. It is submitted that any interpretation of the electrical service apparatus as specifically being a watt-hour meter is to be understood on the basis that the watt-hour meter is an example only of one type of electrical service apparatus.

Further, the Examiner's characterization of the electrical service apparatus as a watt-hour meter is incorrect as the example of the electrical service apparatus described in the specification and shown in the drawing clearly identifies the electrical service apparatus as including a watt-hour meter socket adapter, but not a watt-hour meter.

Entry of these comments in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. M. Hanlon, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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